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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2008:880662 CAPLUS
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TITLE: Induction of broad CD4+ and CD8+ T-cell responses and cross-neutralizing antibodies against hepatitis C virus by vaccination with Th1-adjuvanted polypeptides followed by defective alphaviral particles expressing envelope glycoproteins gpE1 and gpE2 and nonstructural proteins 3, 4, and 5
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CORPORATE SOURCE: Novartis Vaccine and Diagnostic, Inc., Emeryville, CA, 94608, USA
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LANGUAGE: English
AB Broad, multispecific CD4+ and CD8+ T-cell responses to the hepatitis C virus (HCV), as well as virus-cross-neutralizing antibodies, are assocd. with recovery from acute infection and may also be assocd. in chronic HCV patients with a favorable response to antiviral treatment. In order to recapitulate all of these responses in an ideal vaccine regimen, we

have explored the use of recombinant **HCV** polypeptides combined with various Th1-type adjuvants and replication-defective alphaviral particles encoding **HCV** proteins in various prime/boost modalities in BALB/c mice. Defective chimeric alphaviral particles derived from the Sindbis and Venezuelan equine encephalitis viruses encoding either the **HCV** envelope glycoprotein gpE1/gpE2 heterodimer (E1E2) or nonstructural proteins 3, 4, and 5 (NS345) elicited strong CD8+ T-cell responses but low CD4+ T helper responses to these **HCV** gene products. In contrast, recombinant E1E2 glycoproteins adjuvanted with MF59 contg. a CpG oligonucleotide elicited strong CD4+ T helper responses but no CD8+ T-cell responses. A recombinant NS345 polyprotein also stimulated strong CD4+ T helper responses but no CD8+ T-cell responses when adjuvanted with **ISCOMATRIX** contg. CpG. Optimal elicitation of broad CD4+ and CD8+ T-cell responses to E1E2 and NS345 was obtained by first priming with Th1-adjuvanted proteins and then boosting with chimeric, defective alphaviruses expressing these **HCV** genes. In addn., this prime/boost regimen resulted in the induction of anti-E1E2 antibodies capable of cross-neutralizing heterologous **HCV** isolates in vitro. This vaccine formulation and regimen may therefore be optimal in humans for protection against this highly heterogeneous global pathogen.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2006:943250 CAPLUS
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 146:106962
 TITLE: The **ISCOMATRIX** adjuvant
 AUTHOR(S): Drane, Debbie; Pearse, Martin J.
 CORPORATE SOURCE: CSL Limited, Parkville, Australia
 SOURCE: Immunopotentiators in Modern Vaccines (2006), 191-215.
 Editor(s): Schijns, Virgil E. J. C.; O'Hagan, Derek T.
 Elsevier Inc.: Burlington, Mass.
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AB A review. **ISCOMATRIX** adjuvant is essentially the same structure as the ISCOM vaccine but without the incorporated antigen. Antigens can be formulated with the **ISCOMATRIX** adjuvant to produce **ISCOMATRIX** vaccines which provide the same antigen presentation and immunomodulatory properties as ISCOM vaccines but much broader application. **ISCOMATRIX** vaccines are safe and well tolerated in humans with no vaccine-related serious adverse events or clin. significant lab. abnormalities reported. **ISCOMATRIX** vaccines are capable of inducing strong humoral responses with increases in the magnitude, speed, and longevity of the responses, as well as the capacity for antigen dose redn. when compared to other adjuvants such as aluminum. The properties of **ISCOMATRIX** vaccines make them viable candidates for the further development and registration of prophylactic and therapeutic human vaccines.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:167132 CAPLUS
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 134:324893
 TITLE: Characterization of hepatitis C virus core-specific immune responses primed in rhesus macaques by a nonclassical ISCOM vaccine
 AUTHOR(S): Polakos, Noelle K.; Drane, Debbie; Cox, John; Ng,

Philip; Selby, Mark J.; Chien, David; O'Hagan, Derek
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AB Current therapies for the treatment of hepatitis C virus (**HCV**) infection are only effective in a restricted no. of patients. Cellular immune responses, particularly those mediated by CD8+ CTLs, are thought to play a role in the control of infection and the response to antiviral therapies. Because the Core protein is the most conserved **HCV** protein among genotypes, the authors evaluated the ability of a Core prototype vaccine to prime cellular immune responses in rhesus macaques. Since there are serious concerns about using a genetic vaccine encoding for Core, this vaccine was a non-classical ISCOM formulation in which the Core protein was adsorbed onto (not entrapped within) the **ISCOMATRIX**, resulting in ~1-µm particulates (as opposed to 40 nm for classical ISCOM formulations). The authors report that this Core-ISCOM prototype vaccine primed strong CD4+ and CD8+ T cell responses. Using intracellular staining for cytokines, the authors show that in immunized animals 0.30-0.71 and 0.32-2.21% of the circulating CD8+ and CD4+ T cells, resp., were specific for naturally processed **HCV** Core peptides. Furthermore, this vaccine elicited a Th0-type response and induced a high titer of Abs against Core and long-lived cellular immune responses. Finally, the authors provide evidence that Core-ISCOM could serve as an adjuvant for the **HCV** envelope protein E1E2. Thus, these data provide evidence that Core-ISCOM is effective at inducing cellular and humoral immune responses in nonhuman primates.

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 AB Broad, multispecific CD4(+) and CD8(+) T-cell responses to the hepatitis C

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AB The present disclosure provides systems and methods for automated patent office documentation. Some embodiments provide for analyzing electronic content such as an issued patent, application for patent, Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) office action, associated patent support data such as PTO information, and/or other reference materials, along with user input to identify references to external information, create an **electronic association** to the external information, and insert the **electronic association** into the electronic content.

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 149:104371

TITLE: Synthesis and Self-Association Properties of Functionalized C3-Symmetric Hexakis(p-substituted-phenylethynyl)triindoles

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PUBLISHER: American Chemical Society

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal

LANGUAGE: English

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AB A no. of differently substituted phenylethynyl triindoles has been synthesized by 6-fold Sonogashira coupling in a key step. This new series of hexaalkynyl triindoles self-assoc. through arene-arene interactions in soln. The electronic communication of the external substituents with the central electron-rich triindole core has been demonstrated by means of cyclic voltammetry and optical absorption. A study of the effect of the electronic character of peripheral substituents on their self-assocn. behavior is presented in an effort to shed light on the nature of the π -stacking interactions.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2007:1154432 CAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 147:448160

TITLE: Gene analogue finder: a GRID solution for finding functionally analogous gene products

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CODEN: BBMIC4; ISSN: 1471-2105
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 LANGUAGE: English

AB To date more than 2,1 million gene products from more than 100000 different species have been described specifying their function, the processes they are involved in and their cellular localization using a very well defined and structured vocabulary, the gene ontol. (GO). Such vast, well defined knowledge opens the possibility of comparing gene products at the level of functionality, finding gene products which have a similar function or are involved in similar biol. processes without relying on the conventional sequence similarity approach. Comparisons within such a large space of knowledge are highly data and computing intensive. For this reason this project was based upon the use of the computational GRID, a technol. offering large computing and storage resources. We have developed a tool, gENE analog fINdEr (ENGINE) that parallelizes the search process and distributes the calcn. and data over the computational GRID, splitting the process into many sub-processes and joining the calcn. and the data on the same machine and therefore completing the whole search in about 3 days instead of occupying one single machine for more than 5 CPU years. The results of the functional comparison contain potential functional analogs for more than 79000 gene products from the most important species. 46% Of the analyzed gene products are well enough described for such an anal. to individuate functional analogs, such as well-known members of the same gene family, or gene products with similar functions which would never have been assocd. by std. methods. ENGINE has produced a list of potential functionally analogous relations between gene products within and between species using, in place of the sequence, the gene description of the GO, thus demonstrating the potential of the GO. However, the current limiting factor is the quality of the assocns. of many gene products from non-model organisms that often have **electronic assocns.**, since exptl. information is missing. With future improvements of the GO, this limit will be reduced. ENGINE will manifest its power when it is applied to the whole GODB of more than 2,1 million gene products from more than 100000 organisms. The data produced by this search is planned to be available as a supplement to the GO database as soon as we are able to provide regular updates.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:300940 CAPLUS
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:419575
 TITLE: Single-Site Mutation and Secondary Structure Stability: An Isodesmic Reaction Approach. The Case of Unnatural Amino Acid Mutagenesis Ala→Lac
 AUTHOR(S): Cieplak, Andrzej Stanislaw; Suermeli, Nur Basak
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Chemistry, Bilkent University, Bilkent, Ankara, 06800, Turk.
 SOURCE: Journal of Organic Chemistry (2004), 69(10), 3250-3261
 CODEN: JOCEAH; ISSN: 0022-3263
 PUBLISHER: American Chemical Society
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
 LANGUAGE: English

AB A method is described to evaluate backbone interactions in proteins via computational unnatural amino acid mutagenesis. Several N-acetyl polyalanyl amides (AcAnNH₂) were optimized in the representative helical

(310-, 413-, and a "hybrid" κ -helix, $n = 7, 9, 10, 14$) and hairpin (two- and three-stranded antiparallel β -sheets with type I turns $\beta\alpha\alpha\epsilon$, $n = 6, 9, 10$) conformations, and extended conformers of N-acetyl polyalanyl methylamides ($n = 2, 3$) were used to derive multistranded β -sheet fragments. Subsequently, each residue of every model structure was substituted, one at a time, with L-lactic acid. The resulting mutant structures were again optimized, and group-transfer energies ΔE_{GT} were obtained as heats of the isodesmic reactions: $\text{AcAnNHR} + \text{AcOMe} \rightarrow \text{AcAxLacAyNHR} + \text{AcNHMe}$ ($R = \text{H}, \text{CH}_3$). These group-transfer energies correlate with the degree of charge polarization of the substituted peptide linkages as measured by the difference Δe in H and O Mulliken populations in HN-C:O and with the H-bond distances in the "wild-type" structures. A good correlation obtains for the HF/3-21G and B3LYP/6-31G* group-transfer energies. The destabilization effects are interpreted in terms of loss of interstrand and intrastrand H-bonds, decrease in Lewis basicity of the C:O group, and $\text{O}\cdots\text{O}$ repulsion. On the basis of several comparisons of Ala \rightarrow Lac ΔE_{GT} 's with heats of the $\text{NH} \rightarrow \text{CH}_2$ substitutions, the latter contribution is estd. (B3LYP/6-31G*) to range between 1.5 and 2.4 kcal mol⁻¹, a figure close to the recent exptl. $\Delta\Delta G^\circ$ value of 2.6 kcal mol⁻¹ (McComas, C. C.; Crowley, B. M.; Boger, D. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2003, 125, 9314). The partitioning yields the following max. values of the **electronic assocn.** energy of H-bonds in the examd. sample of model structures (B3LYP/6-31G* ests.): 310-helix $D_e = -1.7$ kcal mol⁻¹, α -helix $D_e = -3.8$ kcal mol⁻¹, β -sheet $D_e = -6.1$ kcal mol⁻¹. The premise of exptl. evaluations of the backbone-backbone H-bonding that Ala \rightarrow Lac substitution in proteins is isosteric (e.g., Koh, J. T.; Cornish, V. W.; Schultz, P. G. Biochem. 1997, 36, 11314) is often but not always corroborated. Examn. of the integrity of H-bonding pattern and ϕ_i, ψ_i distribution identified several mutants with significant distortions of the "wild-type" structure resulting inter alia from the transitions between $i, i + 3$ and $i, i + 4$ H-bonding in helices, obsd. previously in the crystallog. studies of depsipeptides (Ohya, T.; Oku, H.; Hiroki, A.; Maekawa, Y.; Yoshida, M.; Katakai, R. Biopolymers 2000, 54, 375; Karle, I. L.; Das, C.; Balaram, P. Biopolymers 2001, 59, 276). Thus, the isodesmic reaction approach provides a simple way to gauge how conformation of the polypeptide chain and dimensions of the H-bonding network affect the strength of backbone-backbone C:O \cdots HN bonds. The results indicate that the stabilization provided by such interactions increases on going from 310-helix to α -helix to β -sheet.

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 133:4306
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 $\text{C}\alpha\text{-H}\cdots\text{O:C}$ Hydrogen Bond?
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CORPORATE SOURCE: Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory, Pacific
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SOURCE: Journal of the American Chemical Society (2000),
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 LANGUAGE: English

AB Although the existence of C α -H \cdots O:C hydrogen bonds in protein structures recently has been established, little is known about their strength and, therefore, the relative importance of these interactions. We have discovered that similar interactions occur in N,N-dimethylformamide dimers. High level ab initio calcns. (MP2/aug-cc-pTZV) yield **electronic assocn.** energies (De) and assocn. enthalpies (ΔH_{298}) for four dimer geometries. These data provide a lower limit of De = -2.1 kcal mol⁻¹ for the C α -H \cdots O:C hydrogen bond. A linear correlation between C-H \cdots O bond energies and gas-phase proton affinities is reported. The gas-phase anion proton affinity of a peptide C α -H hydrogen was calcd. (355 kcal mol⁻¹) and used to est. values of De = -4.0 \pm 0.5 kcal mol⁻¹ and ΔH_{298} = -3.0 \pm 0.5 kcal mol⁻¹ for the C α -H \cdots O:C hydrogen bond. The magnitude of this interaction, roughly one-half the strength of the N-H \cdots O:C hydrogen bond, suggests that C α -H \cdots O:C hydrogen bonding interactions represent a hitherto unrecognized, significant contribution in the detn. of protein conformation.

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AB Background: To date more than 2,1 million gene products from more than 100000 different species have been described specifying their function, the processes they are involved in and their cellular localization using a very well defined and structured vocabulary, the gene ontology (GO). Such vast, well defined knowledge opens the possibility of compare gene products at the level of functionality, finding gene products which have a similar function or are involved in similar biological processes without relying on the conventional sequence similarity approach. Comparisons within such a large space of knowledge are highly data and computing intensive. For this reason this project was based upon the use of the computational GRID, a technology offering large computing and storage resources. Results: We have developed a tool, GENE Analogue FIndEr (ENGINE) that parallelizes the search process and distributes the calculation and

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AB A method is described to evaluate backbone interactions in proteins via computational unnatural amino acid mutagenesis. Several N-acetyl polyalanyl amides (AcAnNH₂) were optimized in the representative helical (310-, 413-, and a "hybrid" kappa-helix, n = 7, 9, 10, 14) and hairpin (two- and three-stranded antiparallel beta-sheets with type I turns betaalphaalphanmember, n 6, 9, 10) conformations, and extended conformers of N-acetyl polyalanyl methylamides (n 2, 3) were used to derive multistranded beta-sheet fragments. Subsequently, each residue of every model structure was substituted, one at a time, with L-lactic acid. The resulting mutant structures were again optimized, and group-transfer energies DELTAEGT were obtained as heats of the isodesmic reactions: AcAnNHR + AcOMe fwdarw AcAxLacAyNHR + AcNHMe (R = H, CH₃). These group-transfer energies correlate with the degree of charge polarization of the substituted peptide linkages as measured by the difference DELTAe in H and O Mulliken populations in HN-C=O and with the H-bond distances in the "wild-type" structures. A good correlation obtains for the HF/3-21G and B3LYP/6-31G* group-transfer energies. The destabilization effects are interpreted in terms of loss of interstrand and intrastrand H-bonds, decrease in Lewis basicity of the C=O group, and OcntdotcntdotcntdotO

repulsion. On the basis of several comparisons of Ala fwardw Lac DELTAEGT'S with heats of the NH fwardw CH2 substitutions, the latter contribution is estimated (B3LYP/6-31G*) to range between 1.5 and 2.4 kcal mol⁻¹, a figure close to the recent experimental DELTADELTA degree value of 2.6 kcal mol⁻¹ (McComas, C. C.; Crowley, B. M.; Boger, D. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2003, 125, 9314). The partitioning yields the following maximum values of the **electronic association** energy of H-bonds in the examined sample of model structures (B3LYP/6-31G* estimates): 310-helix De = -1.7 kcal mol⁻¹, alpha-helix De = -3.8 kcal mol⁻¹, beta-sheet De = -6.1 kcal mol⁻¹. The premise of experimental evaluations of the backbone-backbone H-bonding that Ala fwardw Lac substitution in proteins is isosteric (e.g., Koh, J. T.; Cornish, V. W.; Schultz, P. G. Biochemistry 1997, 36, 11314) is often but not always corroborated. Examination of the integrity of H-bonding pattern and phi, psi distribution identified several mutants with significant distortions of the "wild-type" structure resulting inter alia from the transitions between i, i + 3 and i, i + 4 H-bonding in helices, observed previously in the crystallographic studies of depsipeptides (Ohya, T.; Oku, H.; Hiroki, A.; Maekawa, Y.; Yoshida, M.; Katakai, R. Biopolymers 2000, 54, 375; Karle, I. L.; Das, C.; Balaram, P. Biopolymers 2001, 59, 276). Thus, the isodesmic reaction approach provides a simple way to gauge how conformation of the polypeptide chain and dimensions of the H-bonding network affect the strength of backbone-backbone C=O...H-N bonds. The results indicate that the stabilization provided by such interactions increases on going from 310-helix to alpha-helix to beta-sheet.

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AB Adriamycin (ADR), is an effective anti-cancer agent. It is an anthracycline drug with a fused ring system that is planar, hydrophobic and electron rich, features which allow DNA intercalation. Its anti-neoplastic effectiveness stems from its ability to intercalate into DNA and inhibit topoisomerase. ADR also chelates Fe³⁺ ions and this complex (FeADR (1:2)) oxidatively cleaves DNA via a free radical interaction. As shown by Nohl et al. (1998, Z. Naturforsch, 53c:279-285), enzymes associated specifically with heart mitochondria, increase. ADR free radical formation explaining why it is selectively cardiotoxic. Pretreatment of mice with the neural hormone melatonin eliminates the cardiotoxic effect of ADR therapy without reducing the

drug's antitumor effect (Liu et al. 2000, FASEB J. 14:113.9). The purpose of this study is to analyze the mechanistic features of DNA damage by an Fe+3 ADR (1:2) complex (FeADR) and how melatonin ameliorates this damage. FeADR + glutathione (GSH) cleaves DNA; this oxidative cleavage does not occur with ADR +/- GSH or with FeADR in the absence of GSH. Melatonin reduces this oxidative DNA cleavage by 67%. Mechanistic studies using a supercoiled-to-nicked-circular-conversion assay in conjunction with spectroscopic analyses reveal that: 1) FeADR + GSH forms a reactive intermediate. 2) Melatonin protects the DNA from cleavage by this reactive intermediate. 3) GSH reduction of FeADR diminishes the **electronic association** between the ADR and iron in the complex. 4) FeADR as well as ADR intercalates into DNA. 5) The intercalation of FeADR into DNA alters the rate of oxidative DNA damage. 6) Melatonin also binds to DNA but not by intercalation. These experiments indicate that the cardioprotective effect of melatonin in ADR therapy may stem from melatonin's interaction with a reactive intermediate of FeADR + GSH, and/or a direct DNA interaction. Mechanistic features of this protection by melatonin may involve melatonin-iron interactions or effects on DNA that modify the FeADR intercalation.

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